

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): IMPLANT FOR VERTEBRAL REPLACEMENT AND RESTORATION OF THE  
NORMAL SPINAL CURVATURE

By (Inventors): Mauricio Rodolfo CARRASCO

- ☒ 43 pages of Specification/Claims 1-46/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). A-22; 31 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☒ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. P02 01 04138 filed October 30, 2002 in Argentina is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application along with the verified translation is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

| FOR:   | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA |
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| BASIC FEE  |           |           |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                       | 46 - 20   | = 26      |
| INDEP CLAIMS                                       | 1 - 3     | = 0       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS |           |           |

| SMALL ENTITY |        |    | LARGE ENTITY |        |
|--------------|--------|----|--------------|--------|
| RATE         | FEE    | OR | RATE         | FEE    |
|              | \$ 385 | OR |              | \$ 770 |
| x 9 =        | \$ 234 | OR | x 18         | \$     |
| x 43 =       | \$ 0   | OR | x 86         | \$     |
| +145 =       | \$ 0   | OR | +290         | \$     |
| TOTAL        | \$ 619 | OR | TOTAL        | \$     |

- ☒ A check for the filing fee is not enclosed at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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